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INFORMATION ON SOVIET ARMY CAREER ENLISTED SERVICE  
(SVERKHSROCHNAYA SLUZHBA)1. Definition

[ ] defined "sverkhsrochniki" as those military personnel of the enlisted grades who elected to remain in the service after completing three years of compulsory service.

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2. How chosen

Applications of prospective "sverkhsrochniki" had to be approved either by the division CG or possibly the CG of CGF.

[ ] Applicants had to agree to serve a minimum of two years. [ ] indefinite applications were also accepted.

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3. Duties

[ ] each unit had definite T/O&E positions for reenlistees. If these positions were not filled by reenlistees, then draftees were selected for them. Each year, an earnest recruiting program was followed to fill these positions, since the majority of draftees did not elect to stay on active duty after completing the required three years of selective service. In the 287th Gds Rifle regiment there were approximately 15 T/O&E positions calling for reenlistees. Among them were: chief of secret sections, senior regimental clerks, musicians, chief stewards of EM and officer messes, chiefs of all types of warehouses, PX managers, chiefs of housekeeping sections, specialists of repair shops, first sergeants of regimental units, and occasionally MG platoon leaders. Of the last, there were only two reenlistees in line units of the regiment. Few, if any, reenlistees accept duty in line units since they would be required to work long hours (0700-2400) in training troops.

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4. Incentives

## a. Quarters

Reenlistees lived in separate areas away from the troops and had their own rooms. [redacted] reenlistees were supposed to live in the officer's dormitory but there was a shortage of space. Reenlistees with line units were required to live with the regular conscript troops; however, they also had separate rooms. In the USSR, reenlistees received separate quarters for themselves if single and family quarters if married. 25X1

In the USSR they were permitted to wear civilian attire after duty hours while other EM were not. [redacted] 25X1

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## b. Pay

Reenlistees were much better paid than other EM. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] reenlistee first sergeant of a rifle company received approximately 600 rubles credited to his account and a like sum of shillings which was given him over the pay table in Austria. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] the first sergeant reenlistee who was in charge of the Secret Section received about 800 rubles credited to his account in the USSR and an equivalent amount of shillings which he received in Austria. [redacted] the pay of reenlistees and specialists of the rear services [redacted] was about 1,000 rubles. Pay of all reenlistees was based on type of duty held and years of service. [redacted] rank among reenlistees did not play a role in pay determination. 25X1

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## c. Clothing

Reenlistees received the same issue of clothing as conscript EM with one exception: they received a dress uniform (blouse and breeches) which all EM were supposed to get but did not. They could keep all their clothing upon demobilization.

## d. Recreation

In the USSR they had the privilege of going to officer clubs. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] They were permitted to purchase intoxicating beverages at the club. 25X1

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## e. Other

- (1) They were given 45 days of leave, plus a maximum of 15 days travel time annually.
- (2) They were permitted to leave the caserne after duty hours.
- (3) They could eat in the officers' mess provided they paid an extra charge, the same as the officers did. (They were not authorized officer's rations.)

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- (4) They were permitted to marry Soviet EW or Soviet civilians working in the Soviet Zone of Austria. If they married in Austria, they were given one-room quarters in the officers' dormitory.

#### 5. Discipline

Reenlistees could be demobilized for misconduct on order of the regimental or division commander. They could not be given strict arrest (strogiy arest i.e., being placed in the guardhouse and given hot meals one day, and receiving only bread, sugar and tea the other). They were not subject to work details. They could be reprimanded before a formation of other reenlistees. Simple-arrest (prostoy arest i.e., time in the guardhouse with all regular meals) could be given a "sverkhsrochnik".

#### 6. Insignia

Reenlistees wore the shoulderboards of the unit to which they were assigned. Rank designation was the same as that for other EM of regular Soviet units. The only distinguishing feature was a chevron worn on the left sleeve half-way between the shoulder and elbow as follows:

| <u>Chevron</u>   | <u>Color</u>   | <u>Remarks</u>                       |
|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
|           | Yellow(narrow) | Zero to two years extended service   |
|          | Yellow (wide)  | Three to five years extended service |
|  Red    | Yellow (wide)  | Over five years extended service     |
|  Yellow | Red (narrow)   | Over five years extended service     |

There were other service chevrons for reenlistees

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#### 7. Additional Information

First sergeants of line units who were not reenlistees did not share the rights and privileges of reenlistees. These first sergeants were draftees. The only privilege they had was that they received a room in the barracks separate from the other draftees. They could administer two days of simple arrest to EM below the grade of sergeant, or give EM four details at one time. They could give sergeants a maximum of two details as punishment (a detail was usually completed in one day). 2.

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